

# Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers

## January 18, 2013

A public rule amendment hearing was conducted by the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers on Friday, January 18, 2013 via Teleconference. Chairperson Anne Smith called the hearing to order at 9:30 a.m.

### **The following Board Members were present:**

Anne Smith, Chair  
Janace Harding  
Janice Wittschiebe  
Niles Bolton  
David Maschke  
Andrew Pace  
Jim Mehserle

### **Others present were:**

Steve Lindsey, Executive Director  
Stephanie Mason, Assistant Attorney General  
Grechelle Blocker, Board Support Specialist

### **Rule Amendment Hearing:**

The Board members allowed sufficient time for public comment on the proposed amendments to Board Rule 50-7-.01. The Executive Director advised the Board members that no written comments were received from the public prior to the hearing, and no one attended the hearing to comment verbally on the proposed amendments.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the hearing and declared a meeting of the Board in Open Session to vote on the proposed rule amendments.

Janice Wittschiebe moved, David Maschke seconded, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will not impose excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(j), 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, 43-4-11, and 43-4-14.

Janice Wittschiebe moved, Niles Bolton seconded, and the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(j), 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, 43-4-11, and 43-4-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D), and that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in the field of architecture.

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David Maschke moved, Jim Mehserle seconded, and the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 50-7-.01:

### **50-7-.01 General Eligibility Criteria.**

(1) Applicants for examination who qualify under Code Section 43-4-11(b)(1) must have ~~completed~~ enrolled in the Intern Development Program (IDP) training requirements set forth in Rule 50-7-.02 in order to meet acceptable practical experience requirements for eligibility to take the examination.

(2) Applicants for examination who qualify under Code Section 43-4-11(b)(2) must have completed a minimum of ten years' acceptable practical experience, including academic training, following completion of high school or the equivalent in order to be eligible to take the examination. As part of the acceptable practical experience, the applicant must have completed the Intern Development Program (IDP) training requirements set forth in Rule 50-7-.02. The remaining experience, including academic training, must be earned in accordance with that described in Rule 50-7-.03.

(a) No IDP training credits may be earned prior to satisfactory completion of five years of acceptable practical experience, including academic training, as described in Rule 50-7-.03.

(b) In evaluating credit for academic training and/or practical experience obtained concurrently in part-time or full-time endeavors described in Rule 50-7-.03, credits will be prorated between endeavors on the basis of a standard work week, with the combined credit not to exceed a 40-hour work week.

(3) Applicants for examination who qualify under Code Section 43-4-11(b)(3) must have completed a minimum of six years' acceptable practical experience in order to be eligible to take the examination. As part of the acceptable practical experience, the applicant must have completed the Intern Development Program (IDP) training requirements set forth in Rule 50-7-.02. The remaining experience must be earned in accordance with that described in Rule 50-7-.03(1) or through the completion of additional IDP training.

(a) No IDP training credits may be earned prior to completion of the bachelor's degree described in Code Section 43-4-11(b)(3).

(b) In evaluating credit for academic training and/or practical experience obtained concurrently in part-time or full-time endeavors described in Rule 50-7-.03(1) credits will be prorated between endeavors on the basis of a standard work week, with the combined credit not to exceed a 40-hour work week.

(c) A "bachelor's degree with a substantial concentration in architecture approved by the Board" is defined as a preprofessional degree program that is recognized as sufficient to satisfy the entrance requirements for a candidate's direct entry into a National Architectural Accrediting Board ("NAAB") accredited master's degree program. A "Board approved school or college" is defined as a school or college which offers a bachelor's degree program with substantial concentration in architecture as defined above and which has awarded bachelor degrees to at least one class of students who have completed the school's or college's full preprofessional degree curriculum.

~~(4) The Board may accept training and experience that it deems substantially equivalent~~

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~~to the requirements set forth in this chapter.~~

### **Other Business:**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on February 15, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, GA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.